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In the Matter of)
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Federal-State Joint Board on)
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Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a)
Saipancell)
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Petition for Designation as an)
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
on the island of Saipan)
in Commonwealth of the Northern)
Mariana Islands)

CC Docket No. 96-45

To: Common Carrier Bureau

**Supplement to Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier on the Island of Saipan**

Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell ("Saipancell"), by counsel, hereby supplements its above-referenced Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on the Island of Saipan ("Petition") filed with the Commission on February 19, 2002. Specifically, Saipancell supplements its Petition to include its high-cost certification, as required by FCC Rule Section 54.314.

Under FCC Rule Section 54.314, carriers wishing to obtain high-cost support must either be certified by the appropriate state commission or, where the state commission does not exercise jurisdiction, must self-certify with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Corporation ("USAC") their compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. As explained in its Petition, Saipancell is not subject to state regulation. Therefore, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.314(b), Saipancell has self-certified that

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provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Concurrently with this Supplement, Saipancell is filing its certification with the Secretary's Office and with USAC. A copy of the certification is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Saipancell respectfully requests that the Commission issue a finding that Saipancell has met the high-cost certification requirement and that Saipancell is, therefore, entitled to begin receiving high-cost support as of the date it receives a grant of ETC status in order that funding will not be delayed.¹ Due to the certification schedule set forth at 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d), failure to issue such a finding could result in a delay of funding of up to six months.

For the reasons set forth above, Saipancell hereby supplements its Petition and requests that the Commission make those finding necessary to allow funding to commence as of the date of ETC designation.

Respectfully submitted,

Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc.

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¹See Cellular South License, Inc. Petition for Waiver of FCC Rule Section 54.313, filed January 9, 2002; Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. Petition for Waiver of FCC Rule Section 54.314, filed February 6, 2002.

EXHIBIT A

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The Choice is Clear.

February 22, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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**Re: Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell
High Cost Certification**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell ("Saipancell") has submitted a Petition for ETC designation on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. As required by Section 54.314 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314, Saipancell hereby submits the certification below in order to begin receiving high-cost support in its designated ETC area.

Because Saipancell is not subject to state regulation, Section 54.314(b) permits the company to self-certify that high-cost support funding will be properly used. Therefore, pursuant to Section 54.314(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 54.314(b), Saipancell hereby submits the certification below in order to begin receiving high-cost support in its designated ETC area.

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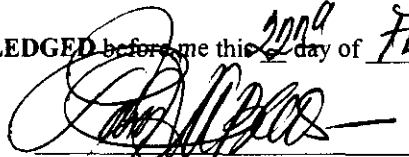
Accordingly, as Senior Vice President of Saipancell, I hereby certify on behalf of the company and under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I also certify that I am authorized to make this certification on the company's behalf.


Mark Chamberlin

Senior Vice President

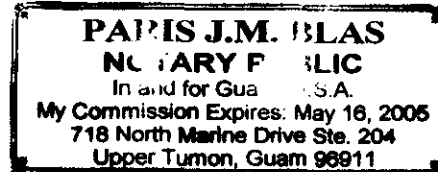
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SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 22nd day of FEB., 2002.


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My Commission Expires:

MAY 15, 2005.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

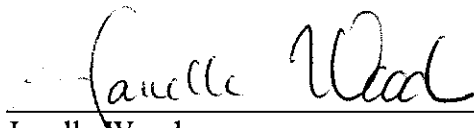
I, Janelle Wood, a secretary in the law office of Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, hereby certify that I have, on this 8th day of March, 2002, placed in the United States mail, first-class postage pre-paid, a copy of the foregoing Supplement to Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on the Island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands filed today to the following:

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